

**North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board
Golden Corral Restaurant, Burlington, NC
11:00am, January 8th, 2018**

Members Present: Phil Lanier, Jon Jeffries, Jennifer Richards, Rafe Rountree, Mike Williams, Dennis Berwyn, Steve Bright

Members (excused) – Keith Throckmorton, Bill Harrell

Public: Leroy Everhart, Nick Fountain

Lunch

Call to Order: Phil called the meeting to order at 11:51 a.m.

Ethics Awareness Statement: Phil read the Ethics Awareness Statement and asked for potential conflicts or appearance of conflicts. Hearing none the meeting continued.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Jennifer made a technical correction. Steve Bright motioned to approve. Rafe seconded and the minutes were approved.

Phil asked the Board to move the Board elections to later in the agenda considering the members of the public present for comment. No objections.

Financial Report: Jennifer motioned to approve, and Steve seconded. Discussion followed. Dennis asked how much was spent on billboards and the Return on Investment. Jennifer looked up at that number. Phil asked what the purpose of the line of questioning was. Financial Report was approved.

Ethics Committee: No report at this time.

New Business: Phil recognized Leroy Everhart, Case Closed Investigations, who spoke to the Board about the company's work. He reported that that they were frustrated with local law enforcement's lack of attention to illegal locksmithing / fraudulent operations. He spoke briefly about his company's proposal for further investigate scammers.

Phil asked to return the Ethics Committee to the agenda after the meeting.

Old Business:

Phil recognized Nick Fountain with Young, Moore and Henderson P.A., who introduced himself to the Board and took questions from the Board.

Board took a five-minute Recess.

Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Phil recognized Steve Bright to speak on the Education Committee. Steve reported that the new test procedure was well-received. He reported that the committee was going to work on editing the exam in the near future. Steve made a motion to purchase a new laptop, Mike seconded and the motion approved. The motioned passed.

Jennifer asked how many debit cards were being used by the Board. Barden reported one was in use by the office and in his possession.

Jennifer asked that once the Board approved new legal counsel that the Board review its statute to close loopholes.

Phil asked Nick what would happen to Board funds if the Board was dissolved by the Legislature.

Phil reminded all members to complete their necessary requirements from the NC Ethics Commission.

The Board went into Closed Session at 1:17 p.m.

The Board went back into Regular Session at 1:26 p.m.

Steve motioned to accept proposal to accept Young and Moore on retainer basis. Jon seconded and the motioned passed unanimously.

Election of Officers:

Phil stated that he would not seek re-election for Chairman and planned on retiring this year.

Nominations for Chairman: Dennis nominated Jon Jeffries. He was approved by acclamation.

Nominations for Vice Chairman: Mike nominated Dennis Berwyn for Vice Chair. Steve seconded, motion was approved by acclamation.

Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer: Steve nominated Jennifer for Secretary/Treasurer and it was approved by acclamation.

Next Meeting: February 12th, 9:30 a.m. Conference Call

Adjourn: Steve Bright motioned to adjourn. Rafe seconded and the meeting ended.